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Comments: Greetings, thank you for your time. I was reviewing the Proposed FSM 2355 Climbing Directives and I just wanted to say that fixed anchors are a needed safety item. Why, because you need a safe way to get off a vertical environment when one of a myriad of different things could cause you to retreat. Why do you have a reverse gear on a car, because sometimes you need to go backwards. Do you always need to? No, but when you do, it is mission critical for safety. If the government chooses to prohibit fixed anchors I feel you will see an increase in injuries as the existing anchors age out. Anchors need to be managed appropriately when they no longer work properly. Please don't jeopardize people's safety or cause climbing to become more risky? Please keep fixed anchors a part of our climbing toolkit. Thank you.